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Dr. Keith R. Bridestone, General Secretary of the NCC Committee on Faith and Order will be present for the Consultation. Dr. Kuwata, president of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, will speak on basic issues concerned with church unity in Japan. Dr. U. Mori, president of the Episcopalian Seminary in Japan and Dr. K. Kishi, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Japan will talk on worship problems in church unity.

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Chairman of the sponsoring committee was Gordon Chapman- Presbyterian (IBC). Others serving on the committee were Thomas Forester-Cumberland Presbyterian, B. L. Hinchman-American Baptist, Ferd Ediger (in charge of arrangements)-Mennonites, David Swain-Methodist (IBC) and R. S. Nicholson Jr.-World Vision.

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A findings committee is preparing a report on the seminar.



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